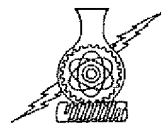


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**Draft of Proposed Claim Amendments for
Interview with the Examiner**

RE: U.S. Patent Application Number: 10/574,497
Title: **TORQUE ROD STRUCTURE**
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A torque rod, the torque rod structure comprising a rod portion with a built-in pair of rubber bushes, which are formed respectively around a pair of cylinders, the rod portion linking both the rubber bushes, wherein

the cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the rod portion forms an approximately rectangular shape, and one pair of opposing [[edges]] faces of the rectangular shape forms a shape which bulges outwards, such that the central cross section of the rod portion is thicker than the ends thereof;

wherein rod portion is shaped with a plurality of void portions; and

wherein the void portions are formed on the bulging faces.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A ~~The torque rod structure of claim 1,~~ comprising:

a rod portion with a built-in pair of rubber bushes, which are formed respectively around a pair of cylinders, the rod portion linking both the rubber bushes,

wherein a part of the rod portion between the rubber bushes comprises four interconnected side panels, each having a substantially similar thickness, wherein one opposed pair of said interconnected side panels are arranged substantially parallel to each other; and

another opposed pair of said interconnected side panels are configured and arranged to bulge outwardly in a non-parallel configuration;

wherein said part of the rod portion between the rubber bushes has ~~is shaped with a~~ plurality of void portions formed therein.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) The torque rod structure according to claim 5, wherein the void portions are formed on ~~[[the]]~~ bulging edges each of said panels of the other pair.

8. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion.

9. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein the shape of the cross-section in the vicinity of the central portion has along the longitudinal direction of the rod portion either a continuous hollow, or a series of alternate cross-sections which have a notched portion and cross-sections which do not have a missing portion.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein the cross-section shape of the rod portion has along the longitudinal direction of the rod portion a continuous hollow.

12. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 11, wherein the rod portion is formed from three faces which are integrally formed as a V-section and a side face which connects thereto as a cap .

13. (Canceled)

14. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein the rod portion is shaped with a plurality of void portions.

15. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 14, wherein the void portions correspond to the notched portions.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 14, wherein the notched portions are formed on the bulging edges.

18. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion.

19 (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 18, wherein the rod has a honey comb shape.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 21, wherein the rod portion is formed from three faces which are integrally formed as a V-section and a side face which connects thereto as a cap.

23. (New) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein:

said pair of cylinders comprises a first cylinder, and a second cylinder having an axis thereof disposed at 90 degrees to an axis of the first cylinder;

said pair of rubber bushes comprises a first rubber bush covering the first cylinder, and a second rubber bush covering the second cylinder;

a pair of stoppers are arranged between the second rubber bush and a portion of the rod portion encompassing the second cylinder so as to form hollow portions on the inner and outer sides of the second cylinder, such that during operation, said second cylinder is selectively movable by impacting with said stoppers.

24. (New) A torque rod, the torque rod structure comprising a rod portion with built-in pair of rubber bushes, which are formed around a pair of cylinders, the rod portion linking both the rubber bushes, wherein

the cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the rod portion forms an approximately rectangular shape, and one pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape form a shape which bulges outwards, such that the central cross-section of the rod portion is thicker than the ends thereof and the other pair of the opposing faces of the rectangular shape are formed parallel;

wherein the shape of the cross-section in the vicinity of the central portion has along

longitudinal direction of the rod portion a series of alternate cross-sections which have a notched portion and cross-sections which do not have a missing portion;

wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion; and

wherein the notched portions are formed as two rows of blind holes on the parallel formed faces of the rectangular shape.